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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) transmittal accompanies with this amendment. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month (3-month) Extension of Time.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

A Petition for Extension of Time is requested by sending the appropriate fee to extend the response period from March 11, 2006 to June 11, 2006.

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